

Romans 12:9-21 NRSVUE

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!*

September 13, 2026
Bounce Back To Church



*Mission Statement
Knowing Christ, Growing in Faith, and Showing God's Love*

*Vision Statement
Bethel United Methodist Church continues its unchanging heritage of faith, striving to be a sacred place to know Christ fully, grow spiritually, and show God's love through compassion, service, and generosity.*

PRAYER LIST 9/13/2026

Key: ***Bold, Italicized & Underlined*** type indicates a request new this week

Rehabilitation: David Hurlock, Paul Webb

Hospital: Rosalba Bellen (Friend of Kathy Engel), John Horne, ***Lee Maxwell***, Trent Prechatka

Hospice: Norah Atkins, Rosemary Bouvier, Donald Dickey, Mrs. Sample, Barbara Starkweather, Jim Willhite

General Concerns: Andy Baker, Mike Bakker, Bill, Donna Bowers, Patricia Bull (Sister of Frank) Sharon Cherry, Chris Clark, Brett Conaway, Daniel, Susan Davis, Ruth Dougherty, Kim Edmonds, Tom Fincham (Brother of Nancy Logan), Bridget Fowler, Chandler Fox, Joan Fox, Fred Gentry, Bill Gibbons, Giovanna, Rev. Sterling Green, Jack Harrison, ***Sarah Hastings***, Connie Hearn, Jim Holt, Bob Hunsberger, Ida, Laura (Daughter of Marilyn Emanuel), Karen Lessey, Harry Marker & Family, Mason, Ginny Mitchell, June Myers, Tammy Myers & Family, Brody O'Neill, Evie Orton, Doug Peters, Pop Pop D, Pauline Powell, Margaret Quillen, Steven, Danny Summers, Debbie Summers, Helen Walter

Long Term: Ansalvish Family, Bryan Attix, Rev. Gloria Attix, Ruth Ann Baker, Ginny Barney, Wesley Beam, Mike Beaucheman, Dave Beddle, Nancy Bektolino, Daryl Bradley, Elaine Bramante, Inez Brengle, Dale Buckwalter, Dan Carrier, Liz Carrier, Janette Clavette, Victor Colon, Rev. Charles Covington, Jay Dentino, Bob Dickey, Jim & Marilyn Emanuel, Pat Emmett, Tom Engel, Olga Fitch, Frank Fitzgerald Sr, Carol Frampton, Michael Gallagher, Peggy Gastner, Gayle Gibbons, Danny Gillespie, Hazel Gillespie, Jude Gray, Jeanne Hafer, George Hammond, Kelly Harp, Heather & Indy, Nancy Hecker, Jack Henriksen, Jim Hooban, David Jones, Erika Jones, Chubby Joseph, Deb Kellenbenz, Adam Kent, Faye Kintz, Norm Kugel, Janice Kulp, Donna LaValle, Paulette Lazarro, Nancy Logan, Bill Lyons, Rob MacArthur, ***Dr. Jim Marvel***, Patty Marvel, Medhi, Claranne Meitrott, Stephen Metler, Stephanie Miller, Rev. Charles Moyer, Nancy (Friend of Janine Phillips) Chuck Naspinsky, Ted Niemczyk, Ray Norris, Lori O'Day, Brian O'Dell, Mike & Sallee O'Neill, Peter (Brother of Pauline Powell), Earl Peters, Dick Plambeck, Suzie Pryor (Niece of Elizabeth Fields), Ray Quillen, Beth Rampson, Beth Rinker, Carla Robinson, Martha Rougeux, Tom Schaich, Mary Louise Scott, John Schulze, Bill Seitz, Denny Shultz, Logan Smith, Tricia(Spangler)Gracey, Chet Sprague, Judy Stevenson, Bonnie Stevlingson, Margaret Stockslager, Dale Stough, Peggy Thomas, Dave Trout, Dawn Vandegrift, Kathy Watson, Kathy Wetherhold-Parrott, Hilda Williams, Trish Wilson, Woody Wilson, Theresa Wise, Lucretia Y., Marge Zayatz

Up Coming Procedures: Dick Plambeck

Recovering From Procedures: Carol (Sister of Marilyn Emanuel), ***Greg Cobb***, Ellie Colon, Tim Fleming, ***Libby Gibson***, Pat Kearns, Dick Lisse, Carla Robinson, Dale Stough

Other:

- All the Students and Staff Returning to School.
- Mother African Union Church North, Wilmington, DE sanctuary destroyed by fire
- The people of Iran and Venezuela.
- All those caring for family and friends, especially spouses and those that have lost a child.
- Delaware Firefighters, EMS, State Troopers & Local Police.
- For racial justice in the United States.

Sympathy to:

- Family & Friends of Clella Harp, Mother in law of John Pistole, who passed Aug. 30th.

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory: “A Joyous Air” by Purcell

*Doxology:.....#94

Hymn of Preparation: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....#452

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Message: “Authenticity: The Root of it All” Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

*Closing Hymn: “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”.....#438

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit during the Postlude)

*Postlude: “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Payne

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

Hearing assistance devices are located at the sound booth.

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Come Alive Time WORSHIP

September 13 2026
10:30 a.m. Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering: *(Please watch the screen for upcoming events)*

Greeting and Opening Prayer

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Opening Song of Praise & Worship: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

Children's Message: *"A New Season!"*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers

Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offering: *"Lord, Be Glorified"*

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Message: *"Authenticity: The Root of it All"* Pastor Jim Penuel

GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Song: *"Send Me"*

*Benediction & Final Blessing

Leader: As we depart, may the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: ***May the Peace of Christ be with you.***

(All are invited to pass the Peace of Christ to all as you exit.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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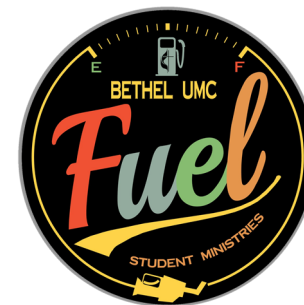
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Bethel Golf Outings are Back

This golf season we still have 2 dates booked for Bethel Golf Outings at The Rookery in Milton. These outings are open to men, women and children alike. These outings are just fun ways for golfers in the church to connect and play together on Saturday afternoons. Our tee times start at 3:00 and we can accommodate up to 20 golfers for each date. You can play 9 holes or 18 and you can walk or ride carts and each outing will be at the twilight rate to be more affordable for everyone. All you need to do is email or text Ray and he will coordinate the details with everyone the week of. ***The next date we have on the books is September 19th*** so let Ray know if you will be joining. The last date is October 24th. Please reach out to Ray with any questions.

ray@bethellewes.org



Sunday Night Fuel- Our Fuel Fall Kick off Party is tonight! Fuel (our youth group) will meet each and every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00 in the Parsonage meeting House. Fuel is open to any student in the 6-12th grade. We can't wait to meet our new 6th graders and kick off the school year with our returning students. For new families, there are several ways to stay connected with

all the weekly Fuel events. You can follow us on Facebook under "Fuel Student Ministries", you can follow us on Instagram @fuelstudentmin and you can join our Remind list to get updates sent directly to your phones or email. To join our Remind group please email Ray (ray@bethellewes.org) and he will get you set up.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry Start-up Dates:

A new season of music ministry is about to start and you are invited to participate! If you are interested in any of the following groups, please contact Joyce Mentzer at jkmentzer@bethellewes.org for

more information or go to www.bethellewes.org (click the Information tab, then Forms & Sign-ups) to register.

- **Chancel Choir** (older youth-adults) Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 in the Music Room, starting September 3
- **“J” Crew Choir** (3rd-6th gr.) Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:45 in the Music Room, starting September 8
- **Youth Music Ministry** (7th-12th gr.) Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 7:45 in the Music Room, starting September 8
- **King’s Kids Choir** (5 yrs-2nd gr.) Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45 in the Music Room, starting September 9
- **First Towne Ringers** (contact Joyce) Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 in the Music Room, starting September 16
- **Miracle Singers** (older youth-adults) continues on Thursdays evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall



All God's children have a place in the choir!

BETHEL INFORMATION

To our guests...

Welcome to Bethel! Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to experience the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ today. During the announcements we would like to give you a welcome packet—just raise your hand and an Usher will bring you one. We value your feedback. Please fill out the Information Card in the mug and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Bethel, visit our website at www.bethellewes.org or call the Church Office. Thank you.

Worship Opportunities

Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 8:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall, 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.
Church Livestream Watch Online Sundays @ 9:15 or 11:00
Or anytime after the services on YouTube

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Church Office Hours M-F 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Leaders for Today’s Service

Greeters:	8:00	Nancy Smith
	10:30	Bill Gaskill
Ushers:	8:00	Ernie Stanley, Head Usher Sandy Hunsicker, & Ron Smith Assistants
	10:30	Libby Gibson, Head Usher
Liturgists:	8:00	Charlotte Bastian
	10:30	Ray Davis
Audio Visual Techs:		Ray Davis, Ed Emmett, Drew Fyock, Norm Macturk, Mauro Medeiros, Lauren Mentzer, Todd Mentzer, John Roman Nehrbas
Miracle Singers:	9:15	Kim Edmonds, Joyce Famelio, Cathy Ferree, John Harris, Patty Marvel, Bill Powell

Weekly Statistics

Attendance: September 6, 2026: 277 (8:00-58; 9:15-131; 11:00-88



To enroll, click on the “Giving” tab on the Church’s website.

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Love Offering: The September Love Offering will benefit La Esperanza. The word means hope. Latinos and immigrants have the same hopes as we all do and La Esperanza helps them achieve stability, integration and success. Founded in 1996 it is a multiservice non-profit organization that addresses all aspects of the immigrant experience. Their services fall into four categories: College and Career Coaching; Counseling on all issues related to immigration; Navigation services that focus on integration into a new society and Victim Assistance Services that include advocacy for victims of domestic violence and other forms of victimization. Love Offerings may be given throughout the month in the “designated” plates found at the back of Fellowship Hall & the Sanctuary or online by clicking “Choose a Fund” and then by clicking “Communion/Love Offering” in the drop down menu. If donating by check please remember to make payable to Bethel UMC and note love offering.



Breakfast Bites: Breakfast Bites is looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup on Sunday Mornings at the 9:15am service. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Pat Emmett at 215-776-5471 or by email at pemmett47@verizon.net.

Women’s Ministry: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st • 10:30 AM, Parsonage Meeting House

Come join us as we begin a new season of Women’s Ministry! Bring a friend! If you’ve never joined us before, this is the perfect time to come and see what we’re all about. We welcome new faces, new friendships, and new ideas!

Our mission is to provide support for women and children in need in Sussex County and abroad. Together, we hope to make a difference through fellowship, service, outreach, and faith.

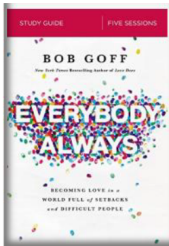
We’d love to have you join us! For questions, please reach out to Janine Phillips at 610-905-6674

Bethel UMC Men’s Ministry Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with other men from Bethel UMC? Two opportunities are offered each month to gather and grow:

Second Sunday of each month, 8:00-8:45 am in the Parsonage Meeting House

- Upcoming dates August 9 and September 13

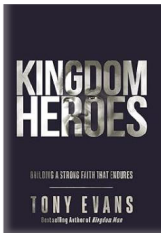


Everybody Always by Bob Goff

In Everybody, Always, Bob Goff's joyful New York Times bestselling follow-up to Love Does, you'll discover the secret to living without fear, constraint, or worry. Bob teaches you that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. Light reading – great discussion!

Fourth Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm at Barry Eaton's home

- Upcoming dates August 26 and September 23



Kingdom Heroes by Tony Evans

A six-session video study exploring the "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. Filmed at the Museum of the Bible, it examines Old Testament figures like Noah, Abraham, and Rahab to teach how to build an enduring, trust-filled faith during difficult times. The series focuses on breaking cultural norms, navigating trials, and applying biblical principles for a lasting legacy. Are you living out your faith?

All men of Bethel are invited and encouraged to join us. Even if you haven't been before, we welcome you to check out either/both gatherings. Light refreshments.

Please contact Barry Eaton at 1785eaton@gmail.com or Ray Davis at ray@bethellewes.org for more details.

NOTE SHEET

Note Sheet

Authenticity: The Root of it All

Romans 12:9-21

9/13/26

1. In a world of AI “fakeness,” people crave what's _____.
2. We are all a part of the _____ of Christ together.
3. Living as an authentic community together starts with being rooted and grounded in _____.
4. We are to serve God with _____ in our heart.
5. We must be willing to _____ one another, remembering that there are times in our lives when we've needed forgiveness too.

Scripture reading for further reflection: Romans 12 (whole chapter)

Note: You may access the Digital Sermon Note

Page by scanning the QR Code



CHILDREN'S PAGE



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Sandwich & Side for 18 for Tharros. Tharros is fully operational, with 18 residents. Bethel is one of several faith-based organizations that will be supplying a cold supper of a sandwich and a side for each resident. To sign up just go to bethellewes.org; click on the "Information" tab and select "Bethel Food Ministries" from the dropdown menu. Under the heading "Tharros Village - Sandwich and Side" there are instructions and a direct link to the SignUp.com signup page. Openings are available every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through November 28th.

Deliver sandwiches and sides to 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes between 4pm and 6pm.

Gate is kept locked: Detailed instructions are below
Go to SignUp.com page. To view click on the words
"Sandwich & Side for 18", under any of the dates.
Contact is Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com.



Important Tharros Village Update for Volunteers Delivering Food

On the pedestrian entrance gate there is now a lockbox that contains a FOB. The FOB pad is beside the lockbox.

1. The lockbox code is 1225.
2. Put in code and switch black toggle to the left of the numbers.
3. Get FOB and use it with FOB pad to unlock gate.
4. When finished put FOB back into the lockbox and scramble numbers.

Any questions, contact Cathie Wagner ccwgr@aol.com

Thanks to all who are providing sandwiches and sides.

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BOOK OF ACTS



ALL WELCOME

Starting September 17th

Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30

September 17 thru December 10

Led by: John Hammett

Want to attend? Questions? Email John at hammettjohnj@comcast.net making sure to identify yourself and contact information

Important: Read the Book of Acts before the study begins. A chapter or two a day will have you ready.

An exciting adventure awaits as we understand the Bridge built by the Holy Spirit between the Gospels and Epistles and the Church today.



Elizabeth Circle's Fall Blood Drive: The Blood Bank of Delmarva will be here Tuesday, October 13 in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Registration is open online for those 17 (16 with parental consent) and older who are in generally good health and over 110 pounds.

The blood supply is at crisis levels. We need to reach a goal

of at least 30 successful donations to have a successful drive.

Sign up at: delmarvablood.org/drives

Enter code: BUMC

Questions: Please contact Marilyn Mead at:

marilynwm26@gmail.com



WOMEN'S MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO OUR
FIRST FALL
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
The Book of ESTHER

Study the daring faith modeled by Esther and her cousin Mordecai – a faith rooted in the goodness of God, lived out through extraordinary circumstances, and used to change the world.

Led By Susie Keefer and Josie Hunsberger

Monday Evenings

6:30-8:00

September 28-November 9

Registration is on the Bethel Website.

For Questions Contact Janine Phillips at 610-905-6674



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The next Methodist Men sponsored work day with Habitat for Humanity is Tuesday, September 22 and we have ten slots to fill. Any adult man or woman is welcome to join our team and hopefully this date will see cooler weather and less business in everyone's schedules now that summer has passed. You do not need to have any construction experience to contribute. We are always looking for some new faces to join the team. If you would like to participate please email Ron Mead at rmmead50@gmail.com. Ron will then forward you the necessary information to sign up with Habitat and to register for this date.

Registration must be done by Friday, September 18.



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Sunday School Registration Now Open

for the 2026–2027 School Year!

We are excited for another wonderful year of learning, growing, and becoming young disciples of Jesus!

Sunday School is offered during the 9:15 a.m. worship service. Children begin in worship with their families, enjoying music and the children's message before being dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

Classes are currently available for: 2s & 3s

4s & Kindergarten

1st & 2nd Grade

3rd & 4th Grade

5th to 8th Grade

(High School welcome to join or stay in worship)

Please visit the **Bethel website** and complete an updated Sunday School registration form under the **Information** tab. A new registration form is required for every student each school year. The registration form can be completed for Sunday School, Music Ministry and Youth Ministry all at one time.

Register by Today September 13th and your child will be entered for a chance to win a Dairy Queen gift card at our Bounce Back to Church event!

For questions or more information, please contact **Katie Davis**.